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SecDef Gives High Priority To Housing Bias Fight

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has pledged to eliminate off-base housing discrimination against servicemen as a matter of urgent priority.

"There can and will be no compromise with this gross injustice," he declared in a May 18 statement.

The Defense Secretary said that more than 300,000 Negro servicemen in the armed forces, about 40,000 of them in Vietnam, have the undisputed right to count on full opportunity and equality.

He pointed out that Gen. William C. Westmoreland on his recent trip home had told the South Carolina legislature about the inspiring performance of Negro servicemen who have served "with distinction equal to that of his white comrades in arms."

"When it comes to off-base housing, I deeply regret that this equality is a lamentable casualty," Mr. McNamara said and elaborated some Negro Vietnam combat veterans are being subjected to humiliating discrimination by landlords who refuse to rent or sell because of race, color or creed.

The Defense Secretary said it is DOD's responsibility to take appropriate and necessary action.

SecDef Notes Little Progress In ABM Talks with Soviet Union

Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) talks with the Soviet Union remain in the proposal stage with very little progress made to date, says Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

He noted the United States proposed discussions but that they have not yet taken place.

Reaffirming American willingness to talk about offensive systems as well, Mr. McNamara also said the idea to limit anti-ballistic missile deployment does not necessarily rule out the possibility of a "thin" or "light" deployment.

The Defense Secretary said we are capable of designing, producing and deploying an ABM system to defend against "light" attacks which might be posed by Communist China in the mid-1970's.

But he said we are not capable of protecting our population with ABM's against a "heavy" Soviet attack.

HONOLULU VISITOR — Lt. Gen. Yang Shao-Lien (center) chief of staff of the Republic of China Air Force, is greeted by Maj. Gen. Jay T. Robbins (left), chief of staff of Pacific Air Forces, and Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Wilson, deputy chief of staff for plans, PACAF. Gen. Yang arrived at Honolulu International Airport on his return to Taiwan after visiting Washington, D.C., as guest of General John P. McConnell, Air Force Chief of Staff.

Lt. Gen. Lewis Walt To Leave Vietnam; Named Marine Director of Personnel

Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt will leave Vietnam soon after more than two years of "outstanding leadership" for June 1 reassignment as Director of Personnel at Marine Corps Headquarters, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told a May 18 Pentagon news conference.

"In view of the increased importance of Marine Corps personnel and career management brought about in large part by the war in Vietnam, I am extremely pleased to have an officer of General Walt's exceptional caliber and broad experience to occupy this sensitive assignment," Mr. McNamara said.

The Defense Secretary pointed out General Walt had completed his normal one year assignment as Commanding General of the III Marine Amphibious Force a year ago last spring.

Mr. McNamara named Gen. Walt's current deputy, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, Jr., to be his successor and to be promoted to lieutenant general.

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PRIMARY PACIFICATION responsibility belongs to South Vietnam, according to Defense Secretary McNamara, who also said the South Vietnamese accept this responsibility, are best qualified to carry it out, and have every intention of doing so. He indicated best proof of Vietnamese role is Prime Minister Ky's assignment of half of the country's regular Army battalions to pacification roles.

DOD STATISTICS SHOW that 9,916 U.S. service personnel lost their lives in Vietnam through hostile action causes from Jan. 1, 1961, through May 13, 1967. Another 2,040 lost their lives from non-hostile action causes.

CONFIRMED AIR FORCE MIG kills totaled 45 as of May 13, according to officials at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. A single MIG was downed on May 12 and seven on May 13. Air Force officials said where there are two crew members in an aircraft (such as F-4C Phantom) both men are given credit for a kill.

DEFENSE SECRETARY HAS named Army Maj. Gen. Frank W. Norris for Nov. 1 assignment as Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. Gen. Norris, present director, Military Personnel Policies, DCSPER, replaces RAdm. Lawrence R. Daspit, who will retire.

MARINE MAJOR GENERAL Louis B. Robertshaw, now serving as CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, will be reassigned to duty as Marine Corps Liaison Officer to Chief of Naval Operations July 1. Gen. Robertshaw, who has commanded 1st MAW in Vietnam since May 1966, will relieve Maj. Gen. Ralph K. Rottet, whose next assignment has not been announced.

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN personnel in last fall's Combined Federal Campaign contributed almost $22 million, a 22 percent increase over the previous year, according to the Civil Service Commission. CSC statistics reveal that 81 percent of all civilian and military personnel contributed with an average $9.51 per capita gift.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND deputy chief of staff for operations, Maj. Gen. Robert F. Worley, has been named Vice Commander, Seventh Air Force in Southeast Asia, effective Aug. 1. Brig. Gen. Ernest C. Hardin Jr., TAC Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, will fill position vacated by Gen. Worley.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command has awarded a $1.7 million contract to Hamilton Standard Division, United Aircraft Corp., Windsor Locks, Conn., for production of propeller systems required in maintenance and support of Army's OV-1 Mohawk observation aircraft.

SIXTEEN NAVAL ACADEMY midshipmen have been named Trident Scholars for 1967-68 academic year. All those chosen by Trident Scholars Committee and Academic Board are members of junior class who presently rank in top 10 percent of their class. Similar to Yale University's "Scholar of the House" program, Naval Academy's Trident project was initiated in 1963 and allows those selected to devote their senior year to pursuit of independent study and research on any subject pertaining to their major.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS Command has announced that command's Ballistic Systems Division, Norton AFB, Calif., and Space Systems Division, Los Angeles A.F. Station, will be realigned July 1 to form new Space and Missiles Systems Organization (SAMSO) with headquarters at Los Angeles A.F. Station. According to Gen. James Ferguson, Systems Command's Commander, new organization will combine at one location functional staff and tactical support elements which contribute to Air Force missile and space programs.

VELA SATELLITE LAUNCHES this year and next represent an emphasis on continuing development of optical and electromagnetic pulse systems for atmospheric detection of nuclear explosions, according to DOD Research and Engineering Director John S. Foster Jr. VELA program is joint DOD-AEC effort.

TOTAL OF 436 spaces in Airman Education and Commissioning Program has been allocated to Air Force Institute of Technology for fiscal 1968. Major academic fields under program include engineering, administrative and management, humanities, physical and social sciences. Program offers undergraduate education in specific fields at 26 colleges and universities, followed by officer training and commissioning.

BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES Chief, Gen. Nelson Freire Lavenere Wanderley, visited Pentagon in mid-May as guest of Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gen. Wanderley also toured North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., Atlantic Fleet Headquarters at Norfolk, Va., and the Army's 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C.

MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND'S NCO Academy at Orlando AFB, Fla., is moving to Norton AFB, Calif., next spring. Orlando AFB is scheduled for transfer to the Navy by mid-1968.

A $4.4 MILLION contract for Hawk Missile System ground support and field maintenance equipment is being awarded to Raytheon Co., Lexington, Mass. Award is by Army Missile Command.

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Background for Commanders

SEVENTEEN YEARS IN EAST ASIA*

In essence, for the past 17 years, under both parties and four Presidents, we have pursued a [basic Asian] policy of seeking to assist the non-Communist nations of East Asia and the Pacific to work out their own future in their own way and in accordance with their own traditions. We have made a bet with history that the peoples and nations of this area are capable of surviving as free and independent states and that progress can best be achieved if they are protected against external force and are assisted in their economic and social development by the nations in a position to do so.

Our policies have been guided essentially by two propositions rooted deeply in our own national interest.

First, that the extension of hostile control over other nations or wide areas of Asia, specifically by Communist China, North Korea, and North Vietnam, would in a very short time create a situation that would menace all the countries of the area and present a direct and major threat to the most concrete national interests of this country.

Second, and directly related to the first proposition, is the belief that an East Asian and Pacific region comprised of free and independent states working effectively for the welfare of their people is in the long run both essential to preventing the extension of hostile power, and essential to the regional and world peace in which the United States as we know it can survive and prosper.

The First Fifteen Years

In the years from 1950 to 1965, the U.S. acted in two different spheres. To meet the security threat to the area and to individual nations, we stood firm in Korea and entered into a progressive series of treaty commitments to Japan, to Korea, to the Republic of China, and to the Philippines on a bilateral basis, to Australia and New Zealand under the ANZUS treaty and to member nations and the Protocol State of South Vietnam under the SEATO Treaty. In support of these commitments, we deployed major forces to the area and we assisted the nations of the area to develop, to the best of their ability, military forces appropriate to the threat that each faced.

But our actions were never confined to security alone, for we knew that security was a necessary but not a sufficient condition to lasting stability and progress in the area. Thus, beginning with the reconstruction of Japan in the early post-war years, we developed a wide pattern of programs to provide economic assistance to those nations that wished it and were prepared to use it effectively.

Let us then draw back and see what happened by 1965 as a result of the inherent great capacity of the nations of Asia and of our own assistance efforts.

- **In Japan, American forces were withdrawn and with substantial United States economic help until the mid-fifties, spectacular economic advances took place. Major land reform programs were concluded and democracy flourished.**
- **South Korea, devastated by the conflict to a degree far beyond anything that has happened in Vietnam, had great difficulty for many years, but beginning in the early 1960's took hold of its affairs, carried through a genuine democratic election, and began to make real economic progress.**
- **The Republic of China, on Taiwan, beat back a Communist threat to the Offshore Islands in 1958 and on the economic side carried out sound and effective policies, including land reform, which made possible the reduction and in 1965 the elimination of U.S. assistance programs. By 1961 the Republic of China began a small but still very significant program of technical assistance, mainly in agriculture, throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.**
- **The Philippines beat back a Communist Huk rebellion and consolidated a working democracy.**
- **Thailand, which had the great advantage of never having been subject to colonial control, made steady progress.**

The Last Two Years

Our actions in Vietnam were not only important in themselves or in fulfillment of our commitment, but were vital in the wider context of the fate of the free nations of Asia.

Also heartening is the enlarged role of the multilateral aid—economic assistance by the European nations, by Japan, Australia, New Zealand and by international institutions such as the World Bank. Multilateral aid not only involves the sharing of economic resources but also lessens political sensitivity to any one donor nation in the recipient country. Furthermore, in the most concrete way, it represents a vote of confidence by the aid-granting nations in the future of Free Asia.

What is at stake is nothing less than a historic transformation of Asia . . . We ourselves, with the other nations of the West, are in large part the source of the ideas of nationalism, participation of the people in their own government, and the possibility and techniques of economic progress—and these are the true revolutions in this period of history in Asia.

** Excerpts from a recent address by William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.*

AF Names Nine Generals For Reassignments

Nine Air Force generals received new assignments in President Johnson's May 16 announcement involving personnel actions.

Commander of the National Range Division, AFSC, Lt. Gen. Leighton I. Davis, will become Commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, July 1.

The following reassignments are effective Aug. 1:

Lt. Gen. Jack G. Merrell, Comptroller, USAF, to Vice Commander in Chief, USAFE; Lt. Gen. James V. Edmundson, Director of Inspection Services, OASD (Administration), to Vice Commander in Chief, PACAF.

Lt. Gen. Robert J. Friedman, DCS, Programs and Resources, to Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces, Korea and CofS UN Command, Korea, relieving Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, who becomes Commander, 13th Air Force in the Philippines.

The new Air Force Inspector General, now VCINC, PACAF, will be Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, replacing Lt. Gen. Theodore R. Milton, who becomes Air Force Comptroller.

The present VCINC, USAFE, Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Agan Jr., will be Commander, Air Defense Command, and the present Commander, 13th Air Force, Lt. Gen. James W. Wilson becomes VCINC, Military Airlift Command.

Women's Army Corps Observes 25th Birthday

Women's Army Crops observed its 25th Anniversary, May 14, with worldwide activities in areas where the 10,000 members are now stationed.

Celebrations included open houses, picnics, parades and receptions. WAC Center activities at Ft. McClellan, Ala., were begun May 8. This included a torchlight ceremony, band concert, receptions, regimental anniversary review and an anniversary dance.

DSM AWARD—General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (right), and General Andrew P. O'Meara, outgoing USAREUR commander-in-chief, shake hands after Gen. Lemnitzer awarded the first oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. O'Meara at USAREUR's Heidelburg headquarters.

Contractor Selected For SAM-D System

Selection of Raytheon Co., Lexington, Mass., to conduct advanced development phase of new air defense missile system being developed by Army with Navy participation for 1970s, was announced by DOD May 18 as a result of an Army funded contract definition program.

SAM-D (Surface to Air Missile—Development) Program is designed to provide battlefield and continental air defense against low, medium and high flying aircraft and short range missiles.

Development is proceeding toward system fully acceptable to Army and for one containing system components which could measure up to environmental shipboard conditions at sea.

Plans are for SAM-D to eventually replace the Nike Hercules and portion of the Hawk air defense systems. Both are deployed in the United States and overseas.

DOD Establishes New Casualty Data System

Department of Defense has established a computerized casualty data system to maintain historical-type information on deaths from both hostile and non-hostile causes of U.S. military personnel in Southeast Asia.

Lists are arranged by state and based on "the home-of-record" listed by the service member at the time of his last entry onto active duty. DOD officials said this should not be confused with the emergency address of next-of-kin used in daily news releases of casualty names.

Defense officials said that in many instances this emergency address is a temporary address where dependents relocate, or is the last duty station of the serviceman prior to his assignment to Southeast Asia. It is for this reason the home of record is used for the state lists under the new system.

A copy of current state lists will be furnished to state adjutants general.

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